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TO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH IMMEDIATE

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CB

SUBJECT: LONG BORET PLAN TO RESIGN

CINCPAC FOR POLAD TO PASS TO AMBASSADOR DEAN

1. CHHUTT CHHOEUR HAS CONFIRMED TO US THE RECENT REPORTS THAT PRIMIN LONG BORET FIRMLY INTENDS TO RESIGN UNLESS CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER THE MILITARY IS ESTABLISHED.
2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER PRIMIN STRONG ENOUGH TO OBTAIN DEMANDS; POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS IF HE DOES OR DOES NOT; DESIRABILITY HIS PUSHING ISSUE NOW OR LATER (UN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETS NEXT WEEK); AND WHAT POSITION USG AND EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE.
3. WE BELIEVE THAT LONG BORET'S OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS VALID AND DESIRABLE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW BUDGETARY PROBLEM BUT WE WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT PHNOM PENH SITUATION DOES

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NOT RPT NOT FALL APART AT WRONG TIME OR DUE TO LACK OF

US ACTION.

4. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD HOPE LONG BORET WOULD AWAIT
AMBASSADOR DEAN'S RETURN BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION. KISSINGER

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